Remarks on board Ship Europa

Sunday December 18th 1870

For part commenced strong from the So. all sa
ur steering E by S. at 2 A.M. took in all the
light sails at 6 ur then again, middle part
moderate, latter part Strong heading about N.W.
under reefed topsail Lat 42.02 S. Long 154.41 E

Monday December 19

For part strong from the N.W. & under reefed
topsail heading N.W. at 2 A.M. we shift heading to
at 9 A.M. wind hauled round to the S.W. took in
Mainsail & got it steering N.E. by E. Middle and
latter part strong breeze under single reefed Main
double reefed Mizen with Main gaff on ur
Lat 42.19 S. Long 152.49 E

Gave a Sail this morning steering N.W. by W.

Tuesday December 20th 1870

Commenced strong from the So. Middle part
light at 2 P.M. blind above N. heading
N.N.E. at 7 P.M. double reefed the top
sails. Latter part strong from the Westward
steering N.E. by N. Lat 41.24 S. Long

156 Weeks from my Loving Wife

Wednesday December 21st 1870

Commenced strong from the Westward
under double reefed topsail at 7 A.M. ur
sails at 8 P.M. hauled up N.E. by E.
& steady

Thursday December 22nd 1870

Commenced moderate from the S.
W. & all sail ur. Employed
the old foresail at 4 P.M. sent down the new
foresail & bent the old one. Middle
latter part light airs from the W. heading
on the Starboard tack 88.85
176.15

Friday December 23rd 1870

For part light. Middle part fresh latter
part strong from the W. & E.N.E. at
5 P.M. double reefed topsail & handed it
at 7 close reefed topsail handed Main

from Hobart Town to the Middle ground

Saturday December 24th 1870

Commenced with a strong gale from the E
heading to the N. under two close reefed
topsails at 4 A.M. took in the fore topsail, heading
N.E. at 10 turned to the S.E. & W. Went to bed
quite fresh. standing half watches during the day
Middle and latter part fresh gale from S.E. Ed
ur ago to night. I shed many tears on account of my
parting with my Beloved Wife on the following day
which a sad night. Although three years & four
years go I have not forgotten it. Is it possible that
three long years had gone I think it looks like a
long time to look forward to. But time passes swiftly
away. If my life is spared I hope to meet my Loving
Friends once again. Now I shall hail that day which
will bring me to the bosom of My Dear Wife. I am
living looking forward for that day when we will meet
Now she will rejoice when she gets my letter I sent
her from Hobart Town informing her that I was
on my way & how she will count the months as one
after another succeeds another. 36.20

Sunday December 25th 1870

Christmas Day

With you my Dear Wife. What a long time to
be from the partner of my life. But when shall I meet
you. I dearly I would love to have a letter from
her to night. I have been reading some of her
letters over to day. They are very precious to me. I
love to read them over often. Oh! if I could or if I
could get those which she wrote the last summer
how pleased I shall be. I am 36 Months from home & have
written her 71 letters almost two per month. George
Commenced with a fresh gale from about E.S.E. heading
N.N.E. bring to under a close reefed main topsail
Middle & latter part much the same